

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 to 7 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2005/000957 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims as indicated in the listing of claims below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (new): A connection region on a vehicle body for attaching an add-on part to the vehicle body, the connection region comprising:

a connecting element having a receiving region for detachably fastening the add-on part, and having first and second fastening sections for attaching the connecting element to the vehicle body, the first fastening section being designed for resistance pressure welding to a carrier component of the vehicle body, and the second fastening section being arranged at a distance from the first fastening section, the connecting element in a region of the second fastening section being connectable to a stiffening panel of the vehicle body.

Claim 9 (new): The connection region as recited in claim 8 wherein connection region id a floor region of the vehicle body and the add-on part is an axle bolster.

Claim 10 (new): The connection region as recited in claim 8 wherein the second fastening section of the connecting element is a threaded section.

Claim 11 (new): The connection region as recited in claim 8 wherein the connecting element has, in the region of the first fastening section, a positioning element for positionally accurate positioning of the connecting element in a mounting opening of the carrier component.

Claim 12 (new): The connection region as recited in claim 8 wherein the connecting element has, at the first and second fastening sections, diameters respectively adapted to fastening and positioning openings of the carrier component and of the stiffening panel.

Claim 13 (new): The connection region as recited in claim 8 wherein the region of the second fastening section of the connecting element has a centering bore for a joining or screwing tool

Claim 14 (new): The connection region as recited in claim 8 wherein the first fastening section has a flangelike lug having a peripheral welding projection.

Claim 15 (new): A vehicle body of unitary construction with a floor region, the vehicle body comprising a plurality of connection regions as recited in claim 1 for attaching the add-on part.